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MEMORANDUM

2 July 1952

TO: ()

FROM: () *pk*

SUBJECT: BGFlume Reports - 15 May - 15 June 1952

Attached herewith are the BGFlume Progress Reports
for BGFiend and BGConvoy covering the period 15 May
to 15 June 1952.

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1. Radio Program Content

HTGrubby broadcast daily in the period 15 May - 15 June, 1952, with the exception of 26 May. Among the noteworthy internal events commented upon were the meeting of the "People's Assembly," to rubber-stamp the five-year plan and the celebration of 1 June as International Children's Day.

The "Letter from a Listener" feature will no longer be used because although most of the facts presented were believed to be true, the staff has become aware that a certain naturalness and consequent plausibility seems to be lacking. Instead of including all types of news events on one program it has been decided to have a homogeneous type of news report under the general headings: "Behind the Iron Curtain," "Weekly International News Summary," "The Communist Paradise," "Internal Albania News Report and Comments," presenting one of these features each day. This type of arrangement gives the staff more latitude in planning and is also believed to make for a more unified impression on the audience. The "Communist Paradise" feature has been useful as a medium for a certain kind of information about daily life in Albania which was difficult to get into the news format.

Since for reasons mentioned in the previous report, we do not believe HTGrubby was heard in Albania before 1 April 1952, it has been decided to rebroadcast some of the better talks which were transmitted prior to the above date.

2. Reaction to Radio

No new information on reaction to HTGrubby was received during the month. The three members of Apple who returned to Greece stated that they were prevented from listening by bad weather and other operational hazards.

3. Personnel

The staff has been running two members short since practically the beginning of the project. However, [] has completed his work for the British and is expected back about 1 July. Since [] indirectly expressed reluctance to coming back to Athens after his operation in Rome, and because he has personality clashes with other members of the staff, and has expressed anti-HTNeigh sentiments, it was felt that he should not return to Athens. For this reason, clearance has been requested for Identity (1). [] stated that he definitely intends to leave for the United States as soon as his visa number comes up sometime between September and December 1952. Also since some members of the staff have not been able to take any leave from the time the project commenced we intend to continue our search for suitable personnel.

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We have recommended DYClean hire Identity (2), a Greek citizen of Albanian background because we believe he has excellent abilities and background for interrogating Albanian refugees right at the border and thus obtain valuable and timely information for use on HTGrubby from Orthodox Christian Albanians who at present are not sent to Lavrion, as well as other Albanians who at present are either not interrogated for our purpose at all, or are interrogated at such a late date that the value of the information is considerably reduced.

4. Mail Campaign

Several letters of a fictitious Communist group were taken by Apple team. There has been no report as to whether they have been mailed as yet.

5. Leaflets

The Pyrex installation is expected to commence initial operations about 1 August, and [] returned from Munich, Germany, to supervise the installation of fixtures and various equipment.

There were no leaflet drops during this period.

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(2) Meto Laias

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